



TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023
CITY OF COLLEGE PARK

Hybrid Meeting

In Person: 2nd Floor Council Chambers, City Hall, 7401 Baltimore Avenue
Or Via Zoom: Link to join Webinar <https://zoom.us/j/92398574069>

7:30 P.M.
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
AMENDED AGENDA

(There will be a Closed Session after the meeting.)

COLLEGE PARK MISSION

We provide excellent services, transparent and inclusive governance, and advocate for our residents to enhance the quality of life for our diverse community.

- 1. MEDITATION**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Councilmember Esters
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS - MAYOR, COUNCIL, STUDENT LIAISON**
- 5. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**
- 6. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**
- 7. PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS:**
 - Immigrant Heritage Month
 - Juneteenth
 - LGBTQ+ Pride Month
- 8. AMENDMENTS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS - Speakers are asked to state their name and whether they are a College Park resident, and are given three minutes to address the Council. The speaker's name and comment will become part of the public record.

10. CONSENT AGENDA – Items on the Consent Agenda are presented for approval through a single motion. A Councilmember may remove an item from the Consent Agenda for placement as an Action Item for separate comment and action. Individuals who wish to comment on a Consent Agenda item may do so during Agenda Item 9.

23-G-88	Approval of Cooperation Agreement to participate in the Prince George's County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Urban County Qualification for FY24 – FY26 - Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager	Motion By: To: 2 nd : Yes: No: Abstain:
23-G-87	Approval of minutes from the May 23, 2023 Council meeting.	

11. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 23-O-06:

An Amended Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park to increase the salary for the Mayor to \$15,000 per year, to increase the salary for a Councilmember to \$10,000 per year, and to establish a separate level of pay for the Mayor Pro Tempore at \$12,500 per year. Salary increases will be effective after the next General Election.

12. ACTION ITEMS

23-G-82	Consideration of Detailed Site Plan DPS-22024 and Related Departure, Discovery Point, located at the southeast quadrant of Baltimore Avenue and Campus Drive and a Declaration of Covenants and Agreement Regarding Land Use – Miriam Bader, Director of Planning and Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney	Motion By: To: 2 nd : Yes: No: Abstain:
23-G-89	Acceptance of qualified applicants for appointment as nominations to the District 1 Council seat, to enable referral by the Mayor for review and comment by the Council as a committee of the whole, for the purpose of reporting on the qualifications of the nominees.	Motion By: To: 2 nd : Yes: No: Abstain
23-G-90	Nomination by any Councilmember for the District 1 Council seat	Motion By: To: 2 nd : Yes: No: Abstain

- 13. REFERRAL BY THE MAYOR OF NOMINATIONS TO THE DISTRICT 1 COUNCIL SEAT, FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT, TO THE COUNCIL AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, PURSUANT TO §C-6(B)(3)(b) OF THE CHARTER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPORTING ON THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE NOMINEES**
- 14. PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSESSION DISCUSSIONS** (Action On These Items Is Not Expected At This Meeting.)
 - A. Discussion of lowering the speed limit (currently 35 mph) on Rhode Island Avenue – Steve Halpern, City Engineer and Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney
 - B. Discussion of closing the alley between 49th Ave and Blackfoot Road to drive through vehicles – Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services (20)
- 15. REQUESTS FOR / STATUS OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
- 16. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE** - Speakers are asked to provide their name and if they are a College Park resident, and are given three minutes to address the Council. Comments will become part of the public record.
- 17. COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, STUDENT LIAISON OR CITY MANAGER**
- 18. ADJOURN**

Closed Session after the meeting:

Pursuant to the statutory authority of Maryland Annotated Code, General Provisions Article § 3-305, the Mayor and Council will meet in a closed session after this meeting to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. (Council will discuss applicants for the Council vacancy and Advisory Board applications.) They will not return to open session.

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- This agenda is subject to change. For the most current information, please contact the City Clerk at 240-487-3501.
 - Opportunities for Public Comment:
 - To comment about a topic that is on either the Consent Agenda, or is not on the agenda: Speakers are given three minutes to address the Council during agenda item 9, "Public Comment on Consent and Non-Agenda Items."
 - Public comment is taken during agenda item 15, "Comments from the Audience." Speakers are given three minutes to address the Council.

- To comment on a Public Hearing: When the Mayor invites public comment, speakers are given three minutes to address the Council. Everyone will have the opportunity to be heard. The Council may take action on the item at the conclusion of the Public Hearing or may take action at a later time.
 - To comment on an Action Item (agenda item 12): The Mayor will invite public comment prior to Council deliberation. Speakers are given three minutes to address the Council on that agenda item.
 - If you are unable to participate in the meeting, you may submit written comment on any agenda item by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. The comment must include the specific topic to which it relates and the full name of the person submitting the comment and whether you are a resident of the City. Written comment should be submitted to [**cpmc@collegeparkmd.gov**](mailto:cpmc@collegeparkmd.gov).
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- You may park for free in the Downtown Parking Garage located at 7306 Yale Avenue to attend this meeting.
 - In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 240-487-3501 and describe the assistance that is necessary.

Motion Sheet
June 6, 2023
Mayor and Council Meeting

1. Consent Agenda: I move to adopt the Consent Agenda. (Mayor Kabir will read the agenda items)

23-G-88	Authorize the City's continued participation in the Community Development Block Grant program under Prince George's County during the Federal FY 2024-2026 qualification period, and for City staff to execute the required forms.
23-G-87	Minutes of May 23, 2023

Consideration of Ordinance 23-O-06

23-O-06	I move to adopt the Amended Ordinance 23-O-06 to increase the annual compensation of the Mayor to \$15,000, the Mayor Pro Tempore to \$12,500 and remaining Councilmembers to \$10,000 to be paid on a bi-weekly basis beginning on or around December 15, 2023
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ACTION ITEMS:

23-G-82	I move that the City Council support approval of DSP-22024 with conditions as recommended by staff including the additional condition that prior to issuance of a building permit, the Applicant shall provide proof of compliance with Federal Aviation Regulation Part 77. Also, prior to Planning Board Approval, the Applicant shall sign a Declaration of Covenants and Agreement with the City in substantially the form attached, subject to approval of the City Attorney.
23-G-89	Per City Code §C3-6(3)(b) I move to approve the applications from Kamthorn Clary; Mary Cook; Bryan Haddad; Jacob Hernandez; Alan Hew; Nikesha Pancho; Kelly Reinke; Brian Roan; and Mark Shroder; as nominees for the District 1 Council seat.
23-G-90	Nomination by any Councilmember for the District 1 Council seat



**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA ITEM**

AGENDA ITEM: 23-G-89

Prepared By: Yvette Allen
Assistant City Clerk

Meeting Date: June 6, 2023

Presented By:

Proposed Consent Agenda: No

Originating Department: City Clerk's Office for the Mayor and Council

Issue Before Council: Acceptance of qualified applicants for appointment as nominations for the vacant District 1 Council seat.

Strategic Plan Goal: Objective 6: Inspire and nurture a welcoming and inclusive community that encourages and embodies engagement, collaboration, and equity throughout our City.

Background/Justification:

On Tuesday, May 16, Fazlul Kabir was sworn in as Mayor of College Park, leaving a vacancy on the City Council from District 1. In accordance with the City Charter, the vacancy may be filled by appointment within 30 days (by June 15) by majority vote of the Council. The appointed term will end in December when the next Mayor and Council are sworn in.

City Code §C3-6(3)(b) states: *For vacancies to be filled by appointment, the Mayor and Council shall review the applications at the next regular meeting after the deadline or at a meeting specially called for that purpose. Nominations may also be taken from the floor from any member of Council. The Mayor shall refer all nominations to a committee of the whole Council for review and comment for the purpose of reporting on the qualifications of the nominees. Upon the report of the committee of the whole, a vote on the nominee or nominees shall be taken with no further nominations being allowed from the floor. Should no nominee receive a majority of the votes cast, a second vote shall be conducted between the two nominees receiving the highest number of votes. The nominee receiving a majority vote shall thereby be appointed to fill the vacancy.*

The City has received applications from the following residents of District 1: Kamthorn Clary, District 1; Mary Cook, District 1; Bryan Haddad, District 1; Jacob Hernandez, District 1; Alan Hew, District 1; Nikesha Pancho, District 1; Kelly Reinke, District 1; Brian Roan, District 1; and Mark Shroder, District 1; Three applicants who do not reside in District 1 are ineligible by law and so are not included.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Council Options:

1. Nominate all qualified applications
2. Take no action and delay the nominations

Staff Recommendation:

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Recommended Motion:

Per City Code §C3-6(3)(b) I move to approve the applications from Kamthorn Clary; Mary Cook; Bryan Haddad; Jacob Hernandez; Alan Hew; Nikesha Pancho; Kelly Reinke; Brian Roan; and Mark Shroder; as nominees for the District 1 Council seat

Attachments:

1. None

PUBLIC COMMENT
June 6, 2023

Council Vacancy

From: Lisa Ealley <l_ealley@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2023 1:16 PM
To: cpmc <cpmc@collegeparkmd.gov>
Subject: Appointment of new Councilmember

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

As a resident of District 1, I believe it is important to approve a resident of this district. We have several candidates from District 1, most of whom I know. And three of these candidates have past experience on the Council which would eliminate a learning curve. I do not endorse any candidate, but believe it is in the best interest to approve one of them so that the Council can continue to operate cohesively.

As I interpret the Charter (which needs to be reworded in my opinion), the candidate should be from the same district in which they reside but if there is no viable candidate, other districts could be considered. As there are viable candidates in D1, candidates from Districts 2, 3 and 4 should be eliminated at the outset.

It is incumbent that the person chosen knows the residents in District 1, has interacted with them and has proposed how they intend to continue to serve them over the next few months.

Thank you,

Lisa Ealley

Speed Limit on Rhode Island Ave

From: Thomas Kelly <thomas.patrick.kelly13@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 4, 2023 3:43 PM
To: cpmc <cpmc@collegeparkmd.gov>
Subject: Request for Lower Speed Limit on Rhode Island Ave

Dear City Council Members and Mayor,

I am expressing my concern about the current speed limit on Rhode Island Ave. As a new homeowner, I want to be active in advocate for a safer community.

The high speed limit encourages commuter traffic. Our neighborhood, a place that should be safe for children, residents walking, and cyclists traveling, is currently thoroughfare.

Reducing the speed limit from 35 mph to 20 mph would significantly increase our community's safety. Lower speed limits reduce the likelihood and severity of accidents. It also creates a less hostile environment for pedestrians and cyclists.

I respectfully request the Council to consider lowering the speed limit on Rhode Island Ave to 20 mph, thereby safeguarding our community's welfare and preserving the livability of our neighborhood.

Thank you for your time. I hope some action can be taken in the near future to improve our road.

Thomas Kelly
District 1 Homeowner

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Pollinator Week:

Free Pollinator Resource Fair

*Watch a film and learn how you can help protect
and support native pollinators*

June 17 | 1-2:30pm

University of Maryland, The Clarice
8270 Alumni Drive, College Park MD 20742

The resource fair is from 1-4 pm, across the street from
The Clarice at the Arboretum Outreach Center,
3931 Stadium Drive, College Park, MD 20742

Bring this card to the event for a Free Native
Pollinator Plant (while supplies last).

